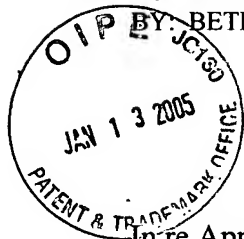


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In response to the Office Action dated 15 December 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of claims 24-28 without amendment.